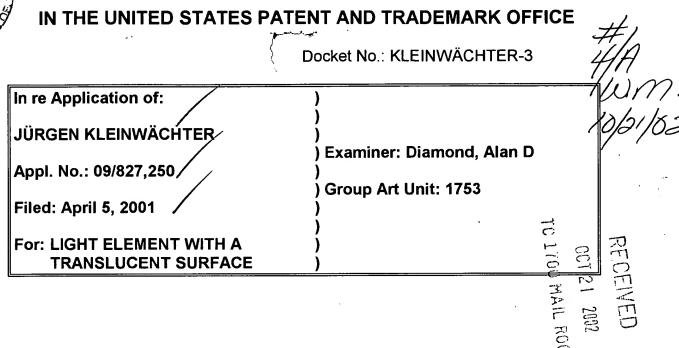




## **PATENT**



RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION dated April 11, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on October 10, 2002.

(Date)

Henry M. Feiereisen
(Name of Registered Representative)

10/10/2002

(Date of Signature)

This communication is in response to the Official Action of April 11, 2002, having a shortened period for response terminating July 11, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by THREE months until October 11, 2002.

- [X] Applicant hereby claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
- [X] Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$460.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).